

What are revocations and suspensions?

Revocations and suspensions are the two most common actions taken to withdraw a driver's operating privilege. Suspension is the more lenient action and means the privilege is put on hold for a given time. Revocation means complete termination of the driving privilege.

What conditions lead to a license revocation?

A conviction on one or more violations of major traffic regulations, crimes, or alcohol regulations leads to a revocation. Other conditions are:

- operating while intoxicated
- attempting to elude an officer
- refusal to submit to a chemical test for intoxication

What conditions lead to a license suspension?

- truancy
- failure to pay forfeiture
- failure to pay child or family support
- non-compliance with orders for assessment concerning use of alcohol or drugs
- failure to pay damages resulting from a motor vehicle crash

Who orders revocations and suspensions?

Revocations and suspensions for single offenses are ordered by the courts or by the Department of Transportation, depending on the type of violation. Administrative actions of the DMV are taken when the license withdrawal is the result of multiple offenses.

How is a person notified of a revocation or suspension?

In some cases court personnel may advise a person that a revocation/suspension will occur as a result of the court's actions. In all cases, the DMV issues an order of revocation or suspension and mails it by first class mail to the person's last known address.

How long does a revocation run?

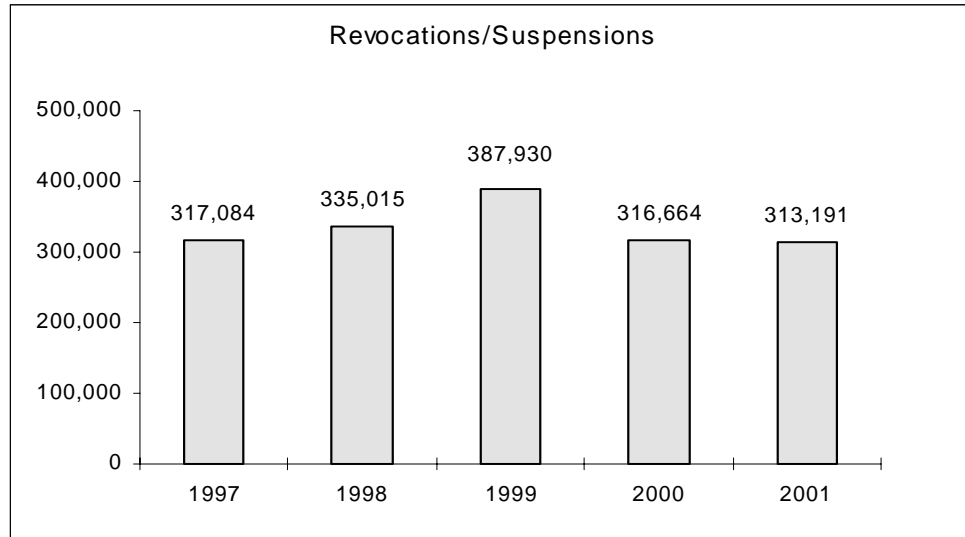
Periods of revocation can run from a one day minimum to a 20-year maximum for unsatisfied judgments.

How long does a suspension run?

Periods of suspension can run from a one day minimum to "indefinite" periods. These periods are strictly governed by the statute under which a suspension is ordered.

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Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
1	FPF	Failure to pay forfeiture	120,911	38.61%
2	DR	Driver record	41,247	13.17%
3	OWI	Operating under influence of intoxicant or con. sub.	32,689	10.44%
4	BAC	Blood alcohol concentration	27,948	8.92%
5	OAR	Operating after revocation**	11,956	3.82%
6	UAL	Underage alcohol	11,498	3.67%
7	NCI	Noncompliance with Assessment Interview	11,011	3.52%
8	OWS	Operating while suspended**	10,513	3.36%
9	D	Drug convictions	8,130	2.60%
10	NCP	Noncompliance with Driver Safety Plan	4,989	1.59%
11	FPJ	Failure to pay forfeiture-juvenile	4,353	1.39%
12	HTO	Habitual traffic offender	3,560	1.14%
13	DJN	Damage judgement accruing from negligent operation	3,226	1.03%
14	SRR	Safety Responsibility revocation of registration	2,782	0.89%
15	IC	Implied consent	2,673	0.85%
16	JA	Juvenile alcohol	2,333	0.74%
17	SE	Speeding excess	1,979	0.63%
18	PAC	Prohibited Alcohol Concentration	1,767	0.56%
19	SR	Safety Responsibility - revocation	1,448	0.46%
20	FPN	Failure to pay non-traffic	1,414	0.45%
21	T	Truancy	1,298	0.41%
22	UAO	Underage alcohol operation	1,243	0.40%
23	NCA	Noncompliance Arrest while in Plan	849	0.27%
24	AEO	Attempt to elude officer	593	0.19%
25	NCF	Noncompliance with Assessment Fee	447	0.14%
26	OII	Operating while intoxicated causing injury	434	0.14%
27	JCS	Juvenile controlled substances	327	0.10%
28	FSA	Failure to stop after accident	262	0.08%
29	FD	Found delinquent	157	0.05%
30	NCT	Noncompliance Pay Treatment Fee	120	0.04%
31	RHT	Repeat HTO	118	0.04%
32	DQF	Disqualification	110	0.04%
33	CAC	Commercial administrative suspension	93	0.03%
34	RD	Reckless driving	76	0.02%
35	VUF	Vehicle used in commission of felony	76	0.02%
36	IUL	Illegal use of operator's license	71	0.02%
37	GBH	Great bodily harm	43	0.01%
38	IIV	Intoxicant in vehicle carrying underage person	42	0.01%
39	FA	Falsified application	36	0.01%
40	UID	Underage ID	36	0.01%
41	LOL	Loaning of license	32	0.01%
42	CWI	Commercial operating while intoxicated	28	0.01%
43	OWL	Operating without driver license	26	0.01%
44	SVO	Serious violation-occupational license	23	0.01%
45	NHI	Negligent homicide intoxicated	21	0.01%
46	FPS	Failure to pay support	16	0.01%
47	INF	Insurance Filed	15	0.00%
48	OWD	Operating while disqualified	14	0.00%
49	IVO	Intoxicant in vehicle-operator	13	0.00%
50	NH	Negligent homicide	12	0.00%

Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
51	VOO	Violation of occupational license	12	0.00%
52	S	Speeding	9	0.00%
53	ICU	Implied consent underage	8	0.00%
54	ORS	Operating while Registration Suspended	8	0.00%
55	FOS	Failure to obey traffic sign or signal	7	0.00%
56	FRA	Failure to report accident	7	0.00%
57	FSU	Failure to stop after accident-unattended vehicle	7	0.00%
58	OCS	Operating while intox.-controlled substance	7	0.00%
59	SI	Speeding intermediate	7	0.00%
60	DSP	Duty upon striking property	5	0.00%
61	ID	Inattentive driving	5	0.00%
62	CA	Commercial alcohol	4	0.00%
63	FFS	Failure to fasten seat belt	4	0.00%
64	UCD	Underage Consent Decree	4	0.00%
65	CSE	Commercial speeding excess (20 or more over)	3	0.00%
66	IS	Imprudent speed	3	0.00%
67	IVP	Intoxicant in vehicle-passenger	3	0.00%
68	R	Racing	3	0.00%
69	UV	Unregistered vehicle	3	0.00%
70	ADL	Altered driver license	2	0.00%
71	DWS	Driving on wrong side of highway	2	0.00%
72	FSB	Failure to stop for school bus	2	0.00%
73	JID	Juvenile ID	2	0.00%
74	PI	Passing illegally	2	0.00%
75	BI	Backing illegally	1	0.00%
76	CAD	Commercial alcohol causing death	1	0.00%
77	CUL	Commercial unlawful license	1	0.00%
78	CVF	Commercial Vehicle used in Commission of Felony	1	0.00%
79	DLT	Deviating from lane of traffic	1	0.00%
80	FPD	Failure to pay Driver Improvement Surcharge	1	0.00%
81	FYR	Failure to yield right of way	1	0.00%
82	FTC	Following too closely	1	0.00%
83	HIC	Haz commercial implied consent	1	0.00%
84	IE	Improper equipment	1	0.00%
85	MSC	Miscellaneous	1	0.00%
86	IL	No or improper lights	1	0.00%
87	OT	Obstructing traffic	1	0.00%
88	PUP	Permitting unauthorized person to operate	1	0.00%
Total*			313,191	

*Includes only in-state revocations and suspensions.

** Beginning with the July 1998 report, OAR & OWS will be reported as separate totals.

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